



# MEDIA ADVISORY

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES EXTENDS HOURS IN MACON COUNTY OFFICE TO ACCOMMODATE TORNADO VICTIMS

**WHAT:** Due to the devastation caused by tornadoes and severe weather Tuesday night in the Macon County area, the Tennessee Department of Human Services is extending the hours in its Lafayette office. The Macon County DHS office will be open the following two Saturdays to assist those families and individuals applying for emergency services and replacement food stamps.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, February 9**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, February 16**  
**8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**WHERE:** 315 Hwy. 52 E Bypass  
Lafayette, TN 37083-1332  
615-666-4041

**MORE:** DHS is working to quickly serve the needs of those families and individuals impacted by the storms. DHS clients on the Food Stamp program who were impacted by the storms will be able to receive replacement food stamps for food lost due to power outages or destruction.

Also, DHS is providing an emergency assistance program that allows a one-time cash assistance payment to qualifying individuals and families. Victims displaced from their homes and whose household incomes do not exceed 125% of the federal poverty guidelines (that's \$26,500/year for a family of four) are potentially eligible for the assistance.

For more information, contact the Family Assistance Service Center toll free at 1-866-311-4287 Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. or visit: [www.state.tn.us/humanserv](http://www.state.tn.us/humanserv)

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